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FOR SECRETARY FROM BRUCE.

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HAVE DELAYED SENDING THIS TELEGRAM IN ANTICIPATION
RECEIPT PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH NOT YET
HERE ALMOST FOUR HOURS LATER, EXCEPT FOR FIRST OF
SEVERAL PARTS.

PRIME MINISTER STILL ANXIOUSLY AWAITING TEXT SINCE HE
WISHES TO COMMUNICATE WITH PRESIDENT AFTER READING IT.

COOPER ACCOMPANIED ME, AND HELPED BRIEF PRIMIN. LATTER
ACCEPTED VALIDITY EVIDENCE EXISTENCE OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES
AND CONSIDERED SITUATION GRAVE. LORD HOME SAT IN ON
MOST OF CONVERSATION.

BOTH BRITISH OFFICIALS SPECULATED ABOUT SOVIET REACTION
TO ANY EMBARGO. THEY THOUGHT K RPT K MIGHT RETALIATE
WITH EMBARGO AGAINST AMERICAN ACCESS TO BERLIN. OR
HE MIGHT REPLY BY SOME FORM OF HARASSMENT OUR
FOREIGN, ESPECIALLY TURKISH, BASES. THEY SUSPECTED K
MIGHT SUGGEST MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AND DRAG MATTER OUT.

BUT IN ABSENCE KNOWLEDGE CONTENTS SPEECH SUCH CONVERSATION
WAS HYPOTHETICAL. PRIMIN WILL CONSIDER TEXT IMMEDIATELY

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